

February 14, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Braithwaite-Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

LA VINA REPORT - (ITEM NO. 94-B AGENDA OF JANUARY 29, 2002)

On January 29, 2002, on a motion by Supervisor Antonovich, your Board directed my office and County Counsel to coordinate with the Departments of Regional Planning, Public Works and Parks and Recreation and report back to the Board within 15 days on the history of development entitlement conditions related to the La Vina Community Development Project (La Vina Project) in the Altadena area. Additionally, the Board order included direction to report on the processes related to development conditions approval and staff accountability for monitoring and enforcement of approved conditions.

Report Status

The La Vina Project was first submitted for consideration by the County in 1987, approved by the Board of Supervisors 1993 and the vesting tentative tract map amended in 1996. Staff from each department has met to review documentation regarding the project. Given the duration of the development process, the size and complexity of the La Vina Project, and the breadth of the issues covered in the Board order, it has become clear that additional time will be required to fully and accurately respond.

Attached for your information is the following project related information:

- Chronology of the La Vina Project from inception to present prepared by the Department of Regional Planning (Attachment A); and
- Record of Board action approving the project in 1993 (Attachment B). Included within these documents are all of the required project conditions;

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Future Strategy

In coordination with all of the involved departments, my office will continue to diligently pursue a complete reconstruction of the actions related to the development conditions for the La Vina Project. At the same time we will review the issues related to County processes which lead to the approval of development conditions and their enforcement.

Most of the project conditions are related to the development of the land and are monitored by the Department of Public Works on an ongoing basis. Additional conditions for the project related to improvements to local parks and are monitored by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Accordingly, the CAO Office of Unincorporated Services will be the lead on coordinating reports regarding the land development process, approval of project conditions and their monitoring. The CAO Capital Projects Division will coordinate the response regarding the park improvement related conditions. We will provide your offices with an status report on our efforts by March 29.

We are available to discuss our proposed approach to this major effort. Lari Sheehan, Office of Unincorporated Area Services (974-1174), and Sharon Yonashiro, Asset Management Branch, (974-2273) will coordinate this effort.

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Attachment (2)

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